

Application No. 10/091,317
Reply to Office Action of August 13, 2003

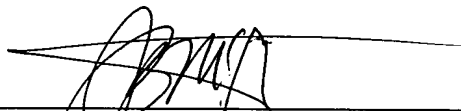
REMARKS

Applicant has provisionally elected, for search and examination purposes only, the DHEA species of 7 α OH DHEA (see, for example, page 3, lines 5-6) and the UV filter species of butyl methoxy dibenzoylmethane (see, for example, page 10, line 21). However, the election of species requirement is traversed.

The reason underlying the designation by the Office of these species as patentably distinct is not explained and as such represents only a conclusion. Accordingly, division of these species is unsupported and improper. In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement.

Applicant respectfully submits that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,
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